

Introduced by Senator Torlakson

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 30166 of, and to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 30133) to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of Division 2 of, the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 564, as introduced, Torlakson. Cigarette and tobacco products taxes: California Healthy Children Trust Fund.

(1) The Cigarette and Tobacco Products Tax Law imposes a tax on every distributor of cigarettes and tobacco products at specified rates, including additional taxes imposed under the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988 (Proposition 99), and the California Families and Children Act of 1998 (Proposition 10).

This bill would, commencing January 1, 2006, impose an additional tax on the distribution of cigarettes at the rate of \$0.025 for each cigarette distributed. The revenues collected from these additional taxes would be deposited in the California Healthy Children Trust Fund that would be created by this bill.

This bill, for the 2005–06 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, would continuously appropriate the moneys in the California Healthy Children Trust Fund, as provided. The bill would also require that, for the 2006–07 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, a prescribed amount of moneys from the fund be deposited in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund and the Breast Cancer Fund to reimburse any losses that occur as a result of the imposition of the tobacco products tax that would be established under the bill.

(2) Existing law requires that stamp and meter register settings be sold at their denominated values, less 0.85%, to licensed distributors.

This bill would exclude from that provision the additional taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products proposed by this bill.

(3) By imposing a new tax, this bill would result in a change in state taxes for the purpose of increasing revenues within the meaning of Section 3 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and thus would require for passage the approval of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 30133) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to read:

Article 4. Tobacco Products Excise Tax

30133. In addition to the taxes imposed upon the distribution of cigarettes by Article 1 (commencing with Section 30101), Article 2 (commencing with Section 30121), Article 3 (commencing with Section 30131), and any other taxes in this chapter, there shall be imposed an additional excise tax upon every distributor of cigarettes at the rate of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) for each cigarette that is distributed on and after January 1, 2006.

30135. (a) Every dealer and wholesaler, for the privilege of holding or storing cigarettes for sale, use, or consumption, shall pay a floor stock tax for each cigarette in his or her possession or under his or her control in this state at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006, at the rate of two and one-half cents (\$0.025) for each cigarette.

(b) Every dealer and wholesaler shall file a return with the board on or before February 15, 2006, on a form prescribed by the board, showing the number of cigarettes in his or her possession or under his or her control at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006. The amount of tax shall be computed and shown on the return.

(c) Every licensed cigarette distributor, for the privilege of distributing cigarettes and for holding or storing cigarettes for

sale, use, or consumption, shall pay a cigarette indicia adjustment tax for each California cigarette tax stamp that is affixed to any package of cigarettes and for each unaffixed California cigarette tax stamp in his or her possession or under his or her control at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006, at the following rates:

(1) One sixty-two and one-half cents (\$0.625) for each stamp bearing the designation “25.”

(2) Fifty cents (\$0.50) for each stamp bearing the designation “20.”

(3) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each stamp bearing the designation “10.”

(d) Every licensed cigarette distributor shall file a return with the board on or before February 15, 2006, on a form prescribed by the board, showing the number of stamps described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (c). The amount of tax shall be computed and shown on the return.

(e) The taxes required to be paid by this section are due and payable on or before February 15, 2006. Payments shall be made by remittances payable to the board and the payments shall accompany the forms required to be filed by this section.

(f) Any amount required to be paid by this section that is not timely paid shall bear interest at the rate and by the method established pursuant to Section 30202 from February 15, 2006, until paid, and shall be subject to determination, and redetermination, and any penalties provided with respect to determinations and redeterminations.

30136. (a) Except for payments of refunds made pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 30361) of Chapter 6, and reimbursement of the State Board of Equalization for expenses incurred in the administration and collection of the excise taxes imposed by this article, all moneys raised pursuant to the taxes imposed by this article shall be transmitted by the board to the Treasurer for deposit in the California Healthy Children Trust Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury.

(b) For the 2005–06 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the moneys deposited in the California Healthy Children Trust Fund are hereby continuously appropriated to the State Department of Health Services for expenditure to fund the following programs.

1 These funds shall be allocated according to the following
2 formula:

3 (1) _____ percent shall be allocated to local agencies to match
4 local funds raised for the research, prevention, and treatment of
5 pediatric AIDS, obesity, diabetes, and childhood cancers.

6 (2) _____ percent shall be allocated to fund training, education,
7 healthy nutrition, physical activity, and after-school programs to
8 prevent childhood obesity and diabetes.

9 (3) _____ percent shall be allocated for preventative health
10 programs designed for children one through five years of age.

11 (4) _____ percent shall be allocated for preventative health
12 programs designed for children six through seven years of age.

13 (5) _____ percent shall be allocated for preventative health
14 programs designed for children eight through 10 years of age.

15 (c) (1) The State Board of Equalization shall determine within
16 one year of the enactment of this article the effect that additional
17 taxes imposed on cigarettes pursuant to this article has had on the
18 consumption of cigarettes and tobacco products in this state. To
19 the extent that a decrease in consumption is determined by the
20 State Board of Equalization to be the direct result of additional
21 taxes imposed by this act, the State Board of Equalization shall
22 determine the fiscal effect that the decrease in consumption has
23 had on programs funded pursuant to the Cigarette and Tobacco
24 Products Surtax Fund, established pursuant to Section 30122, and
25 the Breast Cancer Fund, established pursuant to Section 30461.6.

26 (2) For the 2006–07 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter,
27 the State Board of Equalization shall determine the amount of the
28 decrease in revenue available to the funds and programs
29 described in paragraph (1) that is the direct result of the
30 imposition of the tax under this article. This amount shall be
31 transferred from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Excise Tax
32 Fund and deposited in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax
33 Fund and Breast Cancer Fund, as appropriate, at any time it is
34 determined necessary by the State Board of Equalization to
35 reimburse revenue losses that are a consequence of this article.

36 SEC. 2. Section 30166 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is
37 amended to read:

38 30166. ~~Stamps~~—(a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b),*
39 *stamps* and meter register settings shall be sold at their
40 denominated values, less 0.85 percent, to licensed distributors.

1 ***(b) Stamps and meter register settings for the taxes imposed***
2 ***pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 30133) of***
3 ***Chapter 2 shall be sold at their denominated values to licensed***
4 ***distributors.***

5 ***(c) Payment for stamps or meter register settings shall be made***
6 ***at the time of purchase, provided that a licensed distributor,***
7 ***subject to the conditions and provisions of this article, may be***
8 ***permitted to defer payments therefor.***